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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

### **DIGITAL RIGHTS MANAGEMENT**

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rights management are provided. The invention comprises  
associating two fields with an electronic document. The  
first field identifies the current owner of the  
electronic document, and the second field contains  
10 information about previous ownership of the electronic  
document. If ownership of the electronic document is  
transferred from the current owner to a subsequent owner,  
the current owner's name in the first field is replaced  
with the subsequent owner's name. In addition,  
15 information about the subsequent owner is added to the  
ownership history field.

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